

THE WHITE HOUSE

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Congratulations to the winners of the 1999 Federal Energy and Water Management Awards.

The federal government is our nation's largest energy consumer, with an annual energy bill of some \$8 billion. To encourage effective energy management in the federal government, I signed Executive Order 13123 earlier this year, building on the work begun under the Energy Policy Act of 1992 and previous executive orders. By significantly reducing federal energy consumption, we save taxpayer dollars, reduce emissions that contribute to global warming, and help create markets for energy-efficient and renewable technologies. We must all do our part, and I commend this year's award recipients for your contributions to this effort and for the outstanding example you set for other employees throughout the federal government.

As we celebrate Energy Awareness Month, I urge you to continue your work to improve our nation's energy future by promoting wise management at the federal level. And, on behalf of your fellow Americans, I thank you for your dedication to excellence and extend best wishes for continued success in your efforts.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Bill Clinton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.